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The problem of the security of the Office of Special Operations has been of continuing concern to me. You will be interested to know that for some time a survey has been in the process of being conducted, and at the present time a report is being prepared, from which recommendations will be made, with a view to tightening up on our security wherever possible. In conducting this survey, we have taken into consideration the various motives which might prompt an effort to secure inside information concerning our activities. With respect to the possible leakage of information to foreign agents and the possibility of a "frame-up" by an antagonistic press or rival agencies, I feel that this can be best combated by stringent personnel requirements and most searching personnel investigations. As you know, recently an agreement was consummated with the F.B.I. whereby that agency is undertaking the investigation of applicants for employment. Our own Security Division is continuously on the alert for possible disaffection among our employees. The possibility, as suggested above, will always be with us, but I feel that for the present, at least, we are doing everything possible to forestall such an occurrence.

25X1A9a In so far as calling upon the F.B.I. to conduct a survey of the physical security of our facilities is concerned, I think we should take into consideration the fact that Special Operations has recently employed [redacted] who was formerly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for approximately ten years, and during part of that time he directed the Security program conducted by that organization. I understand that the F.B.I., at the request of the War and Navy Departments, conducted some 2400 surveys of a security nature, the greater portion of which were conducted under the supervision of [redacted]. He is, therefore, perhaps better qualified than any individual in F.B.I. to direct such a security survey. In this same regard, we have presently assigned to the Security Division [redacted] is likewise a former Special Agent of the F.B.I. and is well versed in the technical aspects of security. He recently conducted a survey of some of our facilities, to guard against wire-tapping and microphone installations.

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In view of these facts, I believe that Special Operations is thoroughly capable of insuring its own security within the limits possible in its present facilities.

I request that any specific reports which may come to your attention, bearing upon the security of our facilities, be immediately passed on to me so that I may give them my personal attention to insure prompt correction

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Special Operations